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## Iran

### IRGC Quds Commander: Axis of Resistance to Remain United With Gaza Fighters

Fars News Agency, November 18, 2023

Commander Esmayeel Qa'ani of the Quds Force, part of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), expressed solidarity with the military wing of Hamas in Gaza, affirming the unity within the Axis of Resistance, which includes Iran, Syria, and anti-Israeli groups in Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen. The message praised the Palestinian resistance's Operation al-Aqsa Storm on October 7 and criticized Israeli actions following the multi-front attack by Hamas. The Gaza Health Ministry reported the collapse of the healthcare system due to the conflict, with dozens of hospitals and medical centers out of service. The UN has warned of a "catastrophic" humanitarian situation in Gaza. Iranian officials condemned Israel's actions, describing them as atrocities indicative of the struggles and identity crisis of the Tel Aviv regime over more than 70 years.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020827000447/IRGC-Qds-Cmmander-Axis-f-Resisance-Remain-Unied-With-Gaza-Fighers>

### Iran Unveils Indigenous Hypersonic Cruise Missile

Fars News Agency, November 19, 2023

Iran showcased defensive achievements, including the "Fattah-2" hypersonic cruise missile and "Mehran" mobile defense system, at an aerospace exhibition attended by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei.

The exhibition highlighted the IRGC Aerospace Force's advancements, unveiling upgraded systems and drones. The "Fattah" hypersonic ballistic missile, previously revealed, has a range of 1,400 kilometers and a speed of Mach 13-15, making it immune to current defense systems. Iran, now among four nations with hypersonic missile technology, emphasizes its defensive military doctrine, asserting capabilities are solely for protection.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020828000630/Iran-Unveils-Indigens-Hypersnic-Crise-Missile>

### Construction of new nuclear power plant underway in Iran

Tehran Times, November 22, 2023

Iran is progressing with the construction of the Karoon Nuclear Power Plant in southern Iran, announced Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. The facility, located in Darokhvein, Khuzistan Province, will be Iran's first domestically designed and built nuclear power plant with a 300-megawatt pressurized water reactor. The project, inaugurated last year, is anticipated to take eight years to complete. Eslami emphasized Iran's compliance with nuclear enrichment laws and called on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to act independently, disputing recent claims about barring IAEA inspectors and underscoring Iran's extensive nuclear facility inspections.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/491720/Construction-of-new-nuclear-power-plant-underway-in-Iran>

### **Nuclear Chief: IAEA Should Refrain from Politicizing Iran's Dossier**

Fars News Agency, November 23, 2023

Iran's Head of the Atomic Energy Organization, Mohammad Eslami, has urged the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to avoid politicizing Iran's nuclear file. He clarified that Iran has approved 120 IAEA inspectors and asserted its right to accept or reject inspectors introduced by the agency. Eslami highlighted that Iran's nuclear activities adhere to the Safeguards Agreement and are supervised by the IAEA. In related statements, he emphasized that Western countries use sanctions and political leverage to pressure Iran through the IAEA, rejecting politically-motivated actions and urging IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi to maintain impartiality and professionalism.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020902000278/Nclear-Chief-IAEA-Shld-Refrein-Frm-pliticizing-Iran's-Dssier>

### **Navy Commander: Iran to Hold 2 Joint Naval Drills in Sea of Oman Soon**

Fars News Agency, November 25, 2023

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<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020904000578/Navy-Cmmander-Iran-Hld-2-Jin-Naval-Drills-in-Sea-f-Oman-Sn>

### **IRGC Navy Develops New Indigenous Air-Launched Cruise Missiles**

Fars News Agency, November 26, 2023

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy has developed and manufactured two air-launched cruise missiles intended to target and destroy hostile drones and guided missiles, IRGC Navy Commander Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri announced. "The two indigenous standoff weapons have a range of virtually four and 17 kilometres," Admiral Tangsiri said at a ceremony in the Southwestern city of Arvandkenar, 50 kilometres (31 miles) south of Abadan, on Saturday. He said the two new missiles have already been manufactured and will be unveiled in future.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020905000510/IRGC-Navy-Develps-New-Indigens-Air-Launched-Crise-Missiles>

### **During Israel-Hamas Ceasefire, Iran Reveals New Warship**

Israel Defense, November 28, 2023

Iran revealed its latest warship, the Deylaman, this week, marking the latest addition to its domestically built naval fleet. The vessel, unveiled in the port of Anzali,

enhances Iran's presence in the Caspian Sea. According to IRNA, the Deylaman incorporates advanced naval technology, featuring domestically manufactured defense systems and equipment. Notably, its radar system is equipped to detect and track various targets, including aircraft, drones, helicopters, surface vessels, and missiles. Iran's Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Mohammad Hossein Baqeri, emphasized the destroyer's exceptional capabilities during the unveiling, asserting that it rivals the world's leading destroyers.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60434>

### **Deputy DM: Iran to Purchase Russian Military Aircraft**

Fars News Agency, November 29, 2023

Iran has finalized arrangements for the acquisition of Russian-made Sukhoi Su-35 fighter jets and Mil Mi-28 attack helicopters, marking an enhancement in military relations between Tehran and Moscow. According to Deputy Defense Minister Brigadier General Mehdi Farahi, the delivery process for the advanced military aircraft is underway, with plans for them to join Iran's Army combat units. The move comes as part of increased cooperation between the two nations, with recent agreements covering economic, trade, energy, and military collaboration. Iranian military officials emphasize the defensive nature of the country's armed capability amid external pressures and sanctions.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020908000106/Depy-DM-Iran-Prchase-Rssian-Miliary-Aircraf>

### **Iran's Navy Intercepts US Aircraft Carrier in Sea of Oman**

Fars News Agency, November 29, 2023

Iran's Navy and naval forces successfully tracked and identified a US aircraft carrier group in the Sea of Oman and Gulf of Aden. The intelligence systems mounted on drones of the Iranian Navy, including drones operating over regional waters, successfully intercepted the USS Eisenhower aircraft carrier group in the Gulf of Aden and the Sea of Oman. The interception was made possible through exchange of information between the Navy and naval forces of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14020908000185/Iran's-Navy-Inerceps-US-Aircraf-Carrier-in-Sea-f-Oman>

### **Iraq**

#### **Iraq militiaman 'killed in airstrike' after attack on base hosting US troops: reports**

The New Arab, November 21, 2023

In recent developments, an Iraqi militia member was reportedly killed in an airstrike targeting a weapons-laden truck traveling from Baghdad to Anbar province. The strike occurred near Abu Ghraib, leading to the death of Fadhil Atia Shanin al-Maksusi from the Kataib Hezbollah militia. There was speculation about the death of Akram Al-Kaebi, the head of the pro-Iran Al-Nujaba militia, in the same airstrike. This incident followed two strikes on the Ain al-Asad base in Anbar province claimed by the Islamic Resistance in Iraq, a coalition of Iranian-backed militias. The

group cited these attacks as a response to US support for Israel's actions in Gaza. Tensions have risen with numerous strikes on bases hosting US-led coalition troops in Iraq and Syria. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani affirmed his government's commitment to protecting foreign diplomatic missions and coalition advisors in the country during a meeting with the US Ambassador to Iraq.

<https://www.newarab.com/news/iraq-militiaman-killed-after-strike-base-us-troops>

### **MOI: The security and intelligence forces are capable of imposing security and confronting and challenge**

Iraqi News Agency, November 23, 2023

Iraq's Minister of Interior, Abdul Amir Al-Shammari, asserted the capability of security and intelligence forces to maintain security and tackle challenges. In a meeting with UN Under-Secretary-General Volker Peretz, discussions revolved around the UN mission's role in Iraq and mutual cooperation. Minister Al-Shammari emphasized ongoing developments in security forces, affirming their ability to ensure security and confront any threats. The Ministry of Interior is dedicated to providing citizen services, with a focus on border control, combating drugs and crime, and upholding human rights. The UN representative expressed satisfaction with the observed security stability and citizen services.

<https://ina.iq/eng/29973-moi-the-security-and-intelligence-forces-are-capable-of-imposing-security-and-confronting-any-challenge.html>

### **Experimental test of Locally manufactured cannon embarked on: DIC**

Iraqi News Agency, November 29, 2023

The Defense Industries Commission (DIC) announced the initiation of experimental testing for the Iraqi-made 122mm cannon. In line with Prime Minister Muhammad Shia Al-Sudani's guidance, DIC Head Mustafa Ati Hassan emphasized the commitment to manufacturing and enhancing military products for national development. The test, conducted with live ammunition by the Anbar Operations Division's Artillery Directorate, was attended by Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Abdul Amir Yarallah and other military leaders. Yarallah stressed the significance of such tests in advancing military industries, addressing Iraqi armed forces' needs and fortifying defense capabilities. The DIC highlighted the commitment to developing Iraq's military industries with the support of military commanders.

<https://ina.iq/eng/30051-experimental-test-of-locally-manufactured-cannon-embarked-on-dic.html>

### **Israel**

#### **Six Weeks of War: IDF Strikes Haniyeh's Residence, Continues Shifa Hospital Operation**

Israel Defense, November 16, 2023

In the ongoing conflict, Israel conducted airstrikes, including targeting the residence of Ismail Haniyeh, Head of Hamas' Political Bureau. The strikes aimed at disrupting Hamas' infrastructure and leadership involved in directing attacks

against Israeli civilians and IDF soldiers. IDF troops also destroyed a Hamas naval forces weapons cache during the Shati camp operation, uncovering diving gear, explosive devices, and various weapons. Additionally, a precise operation in the Shifa Hospital area involves searches for Hamas infrastructure and weapons, with humanitarian aid delivered to the hospital's entrance. Israel located a Hamas operational command center within the hospital, emphasizing efforts to prevent harm to medical teams and civilians while extracting intelligence information. The conflict has entered its 41st day.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60337>

### **Assessment: Israeli Navy Uses Elbit's "Seagull" During Current War**

Israel Defense, November 16, 2023

As part of the ongoing War of Attrition, the Israeli Navy is utilizing Elbit's "Seagull," an unmanned surface vessel designed to detect naval mines, subsea infrastructure, and submarines. The Seagull, introduced several years ago, enhances the Navy's capabilities in dealing with Hamas' underwater and submersible attack vessels. It serves as a complementary tool, enabling high-risk operations like mine detection while minimizing risks to soldiers.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60339>

### **US to Supply IDF with 175 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles**

Israel Defense, November 19, 2023

The US will supply Israel with 75 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) from

Oshkosh Defense as part of a military aid package. The armor for these vehicles, valued at about \$30 million, is produced by Israeli company Plasan through its subsidiary, Plasan North America. The IDF previously decided to purchase a version from AM GENERAL, the original Humvee manufacturer, with both versions relying on Plasan for armor development. Oshkosh's JLTV features a 6,600cc turbo diesel engine, automatic six-speed transmission, and a maximum speed of 110 km/h, capable of being armed with a machine gun and anti-tank missiles.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60356>

### **Eutrophy Produces Dozens of Trophy Systems Each Month**

Israel Defense, November 19, 2023

EuroTrophy's Managing Director, Dan Kalfus, disclosed production and delivery details for the Trophy active protection system (APS) at the FAVS 2023 conference in London. The joint venture of Israeli company Rafael, German KMW, and General Dynamics Land Systems Europe is producing 40 Trophy APSs and 500 countermeasures monthly. The system is supplied to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Germany, and Norway. Germany has received one Trophy system for Leopard 2A4 integration tests, with 23 qualified and in service on Leopard 2A7A1s. An additional 23 and 54 systems have been ordered for Leopard 2A8s by Germany and Norway.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60359>

### **Two Israel Shipyards Shaldag MK5 Vessels Arrive in The Philippines**

Israel Defense, November 22, 2023

Two Shaldag MK5 vessels from Israel Shipyards have arrived in the Philippines as part of a deal to supply eight fast patrol ships to the Philippine Navy, valued at \$195 million. These vessels, the fifth and sixth in the series, are undergoing tests and adjustments before entering full operational service by the end of the year. Israel Shipyards was awarded the contract in 2019, and the project includes the integration of Rafael's weapon systems. The remaining two ships will be constructed in the Philippines, highlighting the collaborative effort between the two nations.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60385>

### **Elta North America Secures Contract for \$30 Million in Iron Dome Radar Production**

Israel Defense, November 22, 2023

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<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60386>

### **IDF Captures Badr-3 Rockets in Gaza Strip**

Israel Defense, November 22, 2023

During the recent conflict in the Gaza Strip, IDF forces raided a Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) post and captured long-range Badr 3 rockets. The Badr 3 is a surface-to-surface rocket produced by the al-Quds battalions of the PIJ, initially supplied by Iran. It has a range of 160 km, potentially extending to 250 km, and is equipped with a warhead weighing 250 kg, containing explosive armament and an anti-personnel spray of 1,400 shrapnel. The IDF's capture of these rockets indicates their presence and potential use during the conflict.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60387>

### **Israeli companies Partake in Peruvian police Armoured Vehicles Tender**

Israel Defense, November 26, 2023

Several Israeli companies, including Gaya Behri, Plasan, Beit Alfa Technologies, and Shladot, are involved in a Peruvian Ministry of the Interior tender to acquire armored vehicles for the national police, valued at approximately \$40 million. The tender includes the purchase of 56 multipurpose 4x4 armored vehicles and 43 Riot Motor Pumps (4x4 and 6x4). The winners of the tender are expected to be announced soon. Despite concerns about the war situation in Israel, the Israeli government officially supports the participation of Israeli companies in the tenders and ensures the delivery of the vehicles, as stated by the Israeli embassy in Peru.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60400>

### **Rafael Competing in Romanian Air Defense Systems Tender**

Israel Defense, November 26, 2023

The Romanian army's \$4.2 billion tender for the purchase of 41 short- and medium-range air defense systems has progressed, with Israeli company Rafael Systems and its Spyder system among the main competitors. Other contenders include the NASAMS system by Raytheon, Diehl Defense's Iris-T system, the VL Mica system from MBDA, and the M-SAM system from Hanwha. The outcome of the tender, crucial for Romania's air defense strategy, will be determined in the coming months, impacting not only national security but also regional defense dynamics in Eastern Europe.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60401>

### **IAI Signs Agreements Valued at \$145M to Deliver Long-Range Loitering Munitions**

Israel Defense, November 26, 2023

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) has secured two contracts valued at \$145 million to deliver long-range loitering munitions to two countries. This follows a previous contract signed earlier this year, highlighting the growing global demand for IAI's long-range loitering munition family, which includes Harpy NG, Harop, and Mini Harpy. IAI President and CEO Boaz Levy emphasized the critical role of loitering munitions in achieving operational success on the battlefield, citing their flexibility and precision as strategic advantages. The orders underscore the trust in IAI's loitering

munitions to provide crucial advantages to the respective countries.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60402>

### **IAI to Deliver 3 Air-Defense Barak MX Systems to Slovakia**

Israel Defense, November 27, 2023

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) is set to deliver three Barak MX medium-range air defense launchers equipped with eight missiles each to Slovakia. The deal, valued at over €128 million, was awarded by the Slovak Ministry of Defense. The Barak MX system provides multi-mission capabilities, including countering threats like fighters, sea-skimming and cruise missiles, tactical ballistic missiles, UAVs, helicopters, and gliding bombs. The system's features make it suitable for various settings, such as point defense, area defense, and ballistic missile defense in both naval and land-based deployments. Rafael, with the SPYDER system, competed with IAI for the contract

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60420>

### **Israeli Artillery Corps Fires Over 100,000 Shells During the War**

Israel Defense, November 29, 2023

The IDF Artillery Corps played a significant role in the ongoing conflict, firing over 100,000 shells, with more than 90,000 directed at the Gaza Strip for engaging targets and supporting maneuvering forces. UAV operators from Units 5252 and 5353 utilized Hermes 450 UAVs for targeted attacks, observations, and advanced technological support.



Rocket battalions employed MLRS launchers to launch over 200 precision rockets. Recent reports indicate U.S. assistance, with Israel receiving 57,000 155mm high-power fragmentation artillery shells originally stored in Israel for the U.S. Army European Command and now returned to meet the demands of the Gaza conflict.

<https://www.israeldefense.co.il/en/node/60445>

## Lebanon

### Israel Again Strikes Deep into Lebanese Territory: State Media

The Defense Post, November 20, 2023

Israel reportedly struck an aluminum factory in Lebanese territory. The attack occurred amid ongoing border skirmishes between Israel and armed factions, mainly Hezbollah, which have been taking place since the Israel-Hamas war began on October 7. The strike targeted an area about 15 kilometers from the Israeli frontier. Additionally, Hezbollah claimed to have shot down an Israeli drone and launched attacks on Israel's northern border. The situation along the Israel-Lebanon border remains tense, with daily exchanges of fire since October 7.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/11/20/israel-strikes-deep-lebanon/>

### Hezbollah Says Attacks Israeli Troops with Drones, Artillery, Missiles

The Defense Post, November 20, 2023

Lebanon's Hezbollah movement said it targeted troops in northern Israel with drones, artillery and missiles on Monday, claiming a string of new attacks. The Israel-

Lebanon border has seen daily exchanges of fire since the Israel-Hamas war began on October 7. Hezbollah fighters targeted soldiers west of Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel "with three attack drones," the Iran-backed group said in a statement, adding shortly after that it had also targeted troops in the area with artillery fire. Both statements claimed the attacks were "direct hits."

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/11/20/hezbollah-attack-israeli-troops/>

### Lebanon's Hezbollah Intensifies Attacks on Israel

The Defense Post, November 24, 2023

The Iran-backed Hezbollah group on Thursday intensified its attacks on Israel from southern Lebanon where Israeli bombardments killed seven of its fighters, including members of an elite unit. Since the Israel-Hamas war began on October 7, the border between Lebanon and Israel has witnessed escalating exchanges of fire, primarily involving Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah movement, along with Palestinian groups. The clashes have raised fears of a broader conflagration. Hezbollah said it carried out more than 20 attacks on Israeli military positions and claimed to have caused casualties.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/11/24/lebanon-hezbollah-attacks-israel/>

## Saudi Arabia

### Saudi Arabia Military Industries joins forces with Embraer on defense cooperation, C-390

Breaking Defense, November 29, 2023

Saudi Arabia Military Industries (SAMI) has announced collaboration with Brazilian

defense company Embraer, focusing on defense and security aerospace endeavors, particularly Embraer's C-390 Millennium transporter. The partnership aims to expand operational capabilities in Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the C-390 Millennium aircraft's potential and providing support to the Saudi Ministry of Defense. The agreement also includes plans for a maintenance facility for Embraer aircraft in Saudi Arabia, aligning with the country's Vision 2030 initiative to localize 50% of defense production. Additionally, both companies will explore a Regional Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) Hub, a final assembly line for the C-390, and mission system integration. Training activities will further enhance opportunities in the aerospace sector for SAMI and Embraer in the Kingdom and the region. SAMI's CEO, Walid Abukhaled, sees this collaboration as a significant step in supporting Saudi Vision 2030's goals.

<https://breakingdefense.com/2023/11/saudi-arabia-military-industries-joins-forces-with-embraer-on-defense-cooperation-c-390/>

## Syria Arab Republic

### US Troops in Iraq, Syria Attacked 55 times in past month

The Defense Post, November 16, 2023

American forces deployed in Iraq and Syria have been attacked 55 times over the past month, causing minor injuries to dozens of US troops, the Pentagon said Tuesday. Washington has blamed the spike in violence on Tehran-backed forces and carried out strikes on sites in Syria it said were linked to Iran on three separate

occasions, but the drone and rocket attacks have continued. The surge in attacks on US troops is linked to the war between Israel and Hamas, which began when the Palestinian militant group carried out a shock cross-border attack from Gaza on October 7 that Israeli officials say killed about 1,200 people.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/11/16/us-troops-iraq-syria-attacked/>

## Turkiye

### Turkish weapons factory strengthened with new investments

Daily Sabah, November 16, 2023

Turkiye's Machinery and Chemical Industry Corporation (MKE), which operates to meet the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) needs for weapons, ammunition and explosives through domestic manufacturing capabilities, is strengthening its abilities and making new investments to add new products and technologies to its existing production. It also plans to increase its quality and capacity. A modernization project will be carried out at the Çankırı Weapons Factory, which is involved in the production of weapons and ammunition, and holds an important place in MKE's activities. The capability and capacity of the Çankırı Weapon Factory, which is involved in the production of medium-caliber weapon systems in the Turkish defense industry, will be increased with the modernization work.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-weapons-factory-strengthened-with-new-investments>

### **Roketsan, EDGE to explore partnerships in smart weapons solution**

Daily Sabah, November 17, 2023

The leading Turkish missile developer Roketsan signed an agreement with EDGE Group, the largest defense and aerospace company group in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to explore potential partnerships in the smart weapons domain. Under the agreement, signed at the Dubai Airshow 2023, the two companies will work together to explore opportunities in the joint development of new and advanced smart weapon technologies. A biennial aerospace pageant, Dubai Airshow was held in the city of Dubai and saw a number of agreements made, including a major \$52 billion order for 95 Boeing planes by Emirates Airlines and an order from the Turkish-German SunExpress for up to 90 Boeing 737 MAX jets.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/roketan-edge-to-explore-partnerships-in-smart-weapons-solutions>

### **Türkiye plans to buy 40 Eurofighter Typhoon jets: Defense Minister**

Daily Sabah, November 17, 2023

Defense Minister Yaşar Güler announced Thursday that Türkiye is considering purchasing 40 Eurofighter Typhoon jets, though Germany appeared to object to the idea, he said. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is set to visit Germany for a one-day working visit on Friday for talks with his counterpart, Chancellor Olaf Scholz. "We want to buy Eurofighters. It is a very effective aircraft. These aircraft are related to the U.K., Germany and Spain," the minister told a parliamentary hearing in

Ankara. "Both the U.K. and Spain say 'yes,' and now they are making efforts to persuade Germany. The U.K. and Spain say: 'We will solve that problem.' If solved, we plan to purchase 40 Eurofighter jets," Anadolu Agency (AA) reported Güler as saying.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-plans-to-buy-40-eurofighter-typhoon-jets-defense-minister>

### **'Türkiye has alternatives if Germany doesn't sell Eurofighters'**

Daily Sabah, November 17, 2023

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said Türkiye has alternatives if Germany refuses to sell warplanes. Speaking in a joint news conference with Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Erdoğan said Germany is not the only country that makes fighter jets. "Türkiye has alternatives if Germany blocks Eurofighter sales," he said. Defense Minister Yaşar Güler announced Thursday that Türkiye is considering purchasing 40 Eurofighter Typhoon jets, though Germany appeared to oppose the idea. The Eurofighter Typhoon is a European multinational twin-engine, canard delta wing, multirole fighter manufactured by a consortium of Airbus, BAE Systems and Leonardo.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-has-alternatives-if-germany-doesnt-sell-eurofighters>

### **New Turkish frigate, offshore patrol vessels gear up for naval duties**

Daily Sabah, November 20, 2023

The countdown to the commencement of duty for the Turkish Naval Forces' new fleet

has officially begun. The TCG Istanbul frigate is set to be delivered to the Naval Forces Command in December while the offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) TCG Akhisar and Koçhisar are on schedule for delivery in 2024, further enhancing the naval capabilities and strength of the Turkish Naval Forces. The provisional delivery of TCG Piri Reis, the first of the new type of submarines developed domestically, is meanwhile expected to be made in February 2024, the local media reported Monday.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/new-turkish-frigate-offshore-patrol-vessels-gear-up-for-naval-duties>

### **'UK to work on persuading Germany for Turkish Eurofighter sales'**

Daily Sabah, November 30, 2023

National Defense Ministry sources announced Thursday that Türkiye's Eurofighter sale was discussed in the last meeting of Defense Minister Yaşar Güler with his British counterpart last week, the local media reported citing Britain reiterated it would work on persuading Germany for the sales. The source recalled that Türkiye has launched discussions to procure 40 Eurofighter aircraft, 20 of which during the first stage and 20 later.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/uk-to-work-on-persuading-germany-for-turkish-eurofighter-sales>

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